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Thanks John. DOH is working on an inquiry to. Once we get answers finalized, they will share.

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Subject: FW: Questions RE: Hoosick Falls Contaminated Water

Hi guys,

Just letting you know that CBS 6 Albany reached out to us with some questions. Here are the responses we provided.

Thanks,
John

1. We're hearing a temporary filtration system is coming online this week. Can you confirm?

The Town has indicated that it expects the temporary treatment system to be fully operational by the end of February, if not sooner. We recommend that you contact the Town to confirm whether that continues to be their best estimate.

2. Are there still groundwater concerns for residents who are not using the Hoosick Falls public water supply? What's being done for them?

The EPA is also concerned about private wells, which may have not been tested and may still be used for drinking water purposes. If you have a private well, you can request New York State Department of Health testing of the well by contacting Albert DeMarco at 518-402-7860 or bee@health.ny.gov.

The New York State Department of Health will also offer a PFOA biomonitoring study for residents of the Hoosick Falls area. This study will measure PFOA in blood to provide information on exposure. Detailed information about the project will be shared with area residents prior to the start of the project.

3. What about the Hoosick Falls watershed? Are there concerns PFOA levels could be dangerous downstream?

The EPA has begun discussions regarding steps that need to be taken to determine the full extent of the PFOA contamination, identify the source or sources of the contamination, and evaluate alternatives for cleaning up or controlling the contamination. This is in addition to the measures that are being taken to treat the public water supply.

4. With the temporary filtration system in place, when will residents be able to stop using bottled water? Will they have to wait until a permanent solution is in place?

Residents should continue to drink bottled water until notified otherwise. The temporary system needs to be certified to be working and then adequate testing will need to be done to determine that the PFOA levels are below the guidance level, and that all other water parameters are within guidelines.

5. Is the Saint-Gobain Corporation at fault in releasing these contaminants?

The EPA has begun an investigation to identify the source or sources of the contamination.

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John,

Good morning! This is Cody Holyoke at CBS 6 in Albany. I'm following up on the Hoosick Falls water story today. We're hearing a temporary filtration system is coming online this week. Can you confirm?

Also, I have the following questions:

***Are there still groundwater concerns for residents who are not using the Hoosick Falls public water supply? What's being done for them?

***What about the Hoosick Falls watershed? Are there concerns PFOA levels could be dangerous downstream?

***With the temporary filtration system in place, when will residents be able to stop using bottled water? Will they have to wait until a permanent solution is in place?

***Is the Saint-Gobain Corporation at fault in releasing these contaminants?

I'm working on this story for this afternoon. Thanks for your answers ahead of time!

-Cody

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